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CO4F METRICS

AS OF DECEMBER 2019

\$8,300,000

Total Capitalization

\$1,791,307

Funds Available

\$6,508,693

Total Funded and Committed

Organizations Partner to Ramp Up Food Delivery Amid COVID-19

Food access challenges have been exacerbated by the ripple effects of the current COVID-19 global pandemic. With grocery stores working around the clock to keep shelves stocked, public mobility limited, school closures, and many people suddenly experiencing reduced or lost income, food delivery needs have skyrocketed.

Communities everywhere are working together to help those the most in need and in one example, Bondadosa, Denver Food Rescue, Focus Points Family Resource Center, and Lost City Denver, collaborated to create the Denver Metro Emergency Food Network. The network delivers free, prepared meals to homebound families and elderly individuals in need during the COVID-19 crisis.

In just the first few days following its launch on March 18, the network delivered more than 2,000 meals to older adults, families, and individuals in need. CO4F-supported, Bondadosa, provides the delivery services for the network and recently hired additional drivers to support local demand.

"I am in absolute awe of the talent around the network, compassion during a time of crisis, and determination by everyone involved in sourcing products, preparing the meals, and those involved in delivery process," said Ricardo Rocha, Bondadosa CEO.

Colorado Fresh Food Financing Fund (CO4F) improves access to healthy food in underserved Colorado communities by financing grocery stores and other forms of healthy food retail.

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The network's goal is to provide 100,000 meals per month to individuals, families and senior citizens in need. Learn more about the initiative at denverdelivered.com.

Colorado COVID-19 Emergency Hunger Relief Fund Established

The Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger, alongside local partners, launched the Colorado COVID-19 Emergency Hunger Relief Fund. The fund provides grant funding to support urgent food access needs during the COVID-19 crisis.

Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to organizations working to support food and nutritional needs and may be used to support various operating expenses. The fund was established with \$1.1 million, including \$550,000 from CO4F partner, The Colorado Health Foundation, \$500,000 from the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, and \$60,000 from the Denver Foundation.

Funds will be released weekly to meet needs quickly and adapt as conditions continue to evolve. Visit endhungerco.org to learn more.

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